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Gary Richardson, Mayor

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Regular Council Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2023

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

- 1. Orlando Robinson provided the invocation.
- 2. Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call:

The following were present at roll call:

Mayor Gary Richardson Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams Councilor Velma Johnson Councilor Wendy Merriweather Councilor Janice Anderson Councilor James Reasor

The following were absent at roll call:

A quorum was established, and the meeting was open for the consideration of city business.

- 1. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; agenda was approved unanimously.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; The minutes were approved.
- 3. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made motion to approve July #2 bills in the amount of \$88,043.45. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; July #2 bills were approved.

- 4. Approval of Resolution No. 2023.08-53: A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL to approve a resolution approving the pay grade, and pay grade changes option to maintain the current rate of pay for employees but with grades increases and adjustment to steps to be the same as the employee current rate of pay. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.08-50. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2023.08-53 was approved.
- 5. Approval of Resolution No. 2023.08-54: A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL to approve appropriations not to exceed the amount of \$7500.00 for Back-to-School Rally. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.08-54. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2023.08-51 was approved.

6. Report from Mayor

- a. Tyrone Lloyd- Retiring after 23 years of service. Meeting with AT&T regarding the phone system. Ongoing construction at Community Center, and Highlands Center. Reported 87.3 tons of trash and 4 lots and 243 bags of paper. Street dept low on staff due to three people quit
- b. Chief Ken Davis-Two fires one at the 200th block of Allison Bonnet and the other at the 200 block of Woodward Rd. no injuries or fatalities. Assisting with funeral procession for Birmingham Firefighter Jordan Melton. Sending one truck to assist with blocking traffic.
- c. Lt. Logan- There have been a lot of credit card incidents, a lot involving Cash App activity requesting money from individuals that you may know. Children riding four-wheelers going places police cars can't/ New officer started from Birmingham with five years' experience. Classes are being offered on how to use a gun for protection at Jefferson County Sheriff dept under training tab.
- d. Mayor- Individuals pretending to need help with a gas can at people's homes and when you open the door, they have a gun.

7. Report from Council

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Adams- Reported on the standards of pay and how the standards went from an individual getting raises at their first three steps to now they are at last three steps. No updates on the status of modular homes.
- b. Councilor Janice Reasor-Thanks for prayers for his mother.
- c. Councilor Velma Johnson- Jaxx on the Lake really went well. If there is ever a need for a Jazz Van, the pastor will be ok with it. All the paperwork has been completed for the library except the financials to show that we have the money to support it. Also waiting for the board to hire a director.

8. Meeting open to public

- a. Reginald Wilson- New additions to the garden. Nice 8x4 metal frame garden bed, which will be expanding including eggplant, and cucumbers.
- b. Ollie Hemmitt- Concerned about the number of burned homes in Midfield.

9. Adjourn:

Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

APPROVED ON THIS 14th DAY OF August 2023.

ATTEST:

Falencia Ratcliff, Acting City/Clerk

Gary Richardson, Mayor

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a special call meeting in the City of Midfield, Alabama on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

- Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams led attendees in prayer.
- Mayor Gary Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Carolyn Wilson, Acting City Clerk, called roll. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following member was absent at the time of roll call: Councilor James Reasor

The mayor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting is open for the transaction of business.

- 4. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
- 5. **Approval of Resolution 2023.08-55:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve the resolution of the City of Midfield to accept the resignation of the City Clerk, Courtney Hunter. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, all members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Councilor Reasor joined the meeting.

Report from Mayor:

- Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works): Retired
- Chief Bell (Police Dept): Did not have anything to add
- Chief Davis (Fire Dept): Not present
- Darryl Aldrich (Inspection Dept): Not Present

Mayor Richardson: There was an incident at the park over the weekend and we
need to look in to getting cameras at the community center. We will also check in
to Republic Services doing our trash pickup, until we can purchase another truck.

Report from Council:

- Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams: Commented on employees with accumulated comp-time and salaried employees does not get comp-time the city needs to have a resolution for time to be used shortly after acquiring it. The policy needs to be enforced.
- Councilor Janice Anderson: Councilor Anderson stated we have a policy but the comp-time policy needs to be reviewed with all employees and enforced.
- Councilor James Reasor: Did not have anything to add
- Councilor Wendy Merriweather: Did not have anything to add
- Councilor Velma Johnson: Councilor Johnson commented on the anticipated opening of the Library and the Highland senior center. We are waiting for the Health Department's release on the Highland Center. We are also taking applications to staff the library.

Adjourn: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.